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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED NAVAL PRESENCE

REF: TUNIS 5177

1. FYI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT FROM VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE SOURCES DOES NOT APPEAR TO SUPPORT GOT CONTENTION THAT MILITARY, SUBVERSIVE OR TERRORIST, ATTACK ON TUNISIA BY LIBYA IS IMMINENT. HOWEVER, IN CONSIDERATION OF FACT THAT TUNISIA'S LEADERS PERCEIVE SUCH A THREAT AND HAVE REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT, WE ARE TAKING FOLLOWING STEPS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS PARA 8 REFTTEL:

2. A. ADVANCING DATES FOR VISIT OF USS BARNEY AND USS MONTGOMERY.

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B. CONSULTING WITH DOD ABOUT REDEPLOYING OTHER SIXTH FLEET

UNITS TO TUNISIAN PORTS/WATERS (THOUGH LATTER ALTERNATIVE MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE GIVEN CURRENT FLEET DEPLOYMENT TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.)

C. EXPLORING WITH DOD FEASIBILITY OF USING USN AIR SEARCH RADAR CAPABILITY TO MONITOR LIBYAN AIRCRAFT.

D. DISCUSSING WITH APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES UTILIZATION OF AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF LIBYAN TARGETS BY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND SHARING OF INFO OBTAINED WITH GOT.

E. REQUESTING CIA TO PREPARE REPORT ASAP ON LIBYAN TERRORIST SUBVERSIVE AND OTHER HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AND AN ANALYSES OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE FOR TUNISIA. THE REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO GOT ABOUT JULY 30. END FYI.

3. MEANWHILE YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING TO CHATTI AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE:

4. AMBASSADOR MULCAHY HAS REPORTED URGENTLY THE CONCERN THAT FONMIN EXPRESSED TO HIM ON JULY 22 ABOUT LIBYAN INTENTIONS TOWARD TUNISIA. IN PARTICULAR, HE TOLD US OF FON MIN'S REQUEST THAT THE U.S. INCREASE ITS NAVAL PRESENCE IN TUNISIA DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF AUGUST, WHICH GOT CONSIDERS TO BE THE CRITICAL PERIOD.

5. AS AN IMMEDIATE STEP IN RESPONSE TO FON MIN'S APPROACH, WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO ADVANCE THE VISITS OF THE BARNEY AND MONTGOMERY. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING URGENTLY AT WHAT ADDITIONAL THINGS WE CAN DO TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR TUNISIAN FRIENDS AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH CHATTI FURTHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS WITH AMBASSADOR HEDDA WHOM WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING IN WASHINGTON MONDAY. ROBINSON

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